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SUBJECT: TENTH CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN ARMIES: PERU SEEKS REVISION
OF RIO PACT

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1. PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FOR SUBJECT CARACAS MEETING AUGUST 30,
PRIME MINISTER MERCADO ANSWERED PRESS QUESTIONS ABOUT PERUVIAN
VIEWS ON RIO PACT.

2. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL LINE CRONICA, MERCADO SAID THAT PERU WILL
QUESTION RIO PACT BECAUSE IT SERVES ONLY ONE COUNTRY AND BECAUSE NEW
SYSTEM OF SECURITY IS NEEDED WHICH OPPOSES ALL TYPES OF ECONOMIC AND
POLITICAL PRESSURES. MERCADO CALLED FOR LATIN AMERICAN ARMIES TO
ASSUME NEW ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS UNDER REVISED SYSTEM OF
COLLECTIVE SECURITY. HE ADDED THAT INTER-AMERICAN ARMY CONFERENCES
DEFEND THE INTERESTS OF ITS WESTERN POWER (I.E. U.S.), AND MUST
BE RE-STRUCTURED SO THAT INTERESTS OF LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES ARE
SERVED.

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3. ONE REPORTERASKED WHETHER STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE TYPE OF INCURSION THAT OCCURED IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. MERCADO REPLIED THAT ARTICLES 4 AND 5 OF RIO PACT DID NOT DEFINE AGGESSION, WHICH ALLOWED DOMINICAN INTERVENTION. THAT IS WHY RIO PACT MUST BE RE-DEFINED, PRIMIN SAID.

4. LEFTIST EXPRESO REPORTED MERCADO STATEMENT THAT COUNTER-INSURGENCY SCHOOL AND INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE COLLEGE WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED AND PERHAPS MODIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW NEEDS OF AMERICAN ARMIES. EXPRESO MISTAKENLY OBSERVED BOTH ORE OPERATED IN PANAMA AND ASSERTEDLY AGAINST LOCAL WISHES.

5. COMMENT: NEED FOR CONCERTED LATIN AMERICAN OR THIRD WORLD ACTION AGAINST ALLEGED FOREIGN ECONOMIC THREATS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS RECURRENT THEME OF PERUVIAN FOREIGN POLICY WHICH WILL BE EXPOUNDED BY MERCADO AT CARACAS AND ALSO AT ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT.
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